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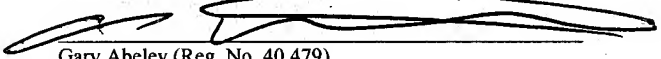
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FIRST OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This responds to the Office Action of September 26, 2005. Prior to further examination,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In The Claims:**

Please amend claim 10 and add new claim 26. In addition, please cancel claims 13 and  
14, without prejudice. The addition of new claim 26, cancellation of claims 13 and 14, and the  
amendments to pending claim 10 are indicated below in the associated claim listing, which is  
provided on separate sheets. The status of the claims is also shown therein.

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the  
application. **Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.